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Letter dated 9 March 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda addressed to the President of the Security Council

1. The present letter on behalf of the members of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda covers the implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions during the period from 1 January to 31 December 2005. The preceding period, from 1 January to 31 December 2004, was covered by the report of the Committee submitted to the Security Council on 9 February 2005 (S/2005/76, annex).

Background

2. Although the restrictions imposed by paragraph 13 of resolution 918 (1994) on the sale or supply of arms and related materiel to the Government of Rwanda were terminated on 1 September 1996 in accordance with paragraph 8 of resolution 1011 (1995), all States are required to continue to implement the foregoing measures with a view to preventing the sale and supply of arms and related materiel to non-governmental forces for use in Rwanda.

3. At the 5332nd meeting of the Security Council, on 19 December 2005, the outgoing Chairman, Ambassador Baali, referred briefly to the obligations of States with respect to the sanctions measures concerning Rwanda. He noted that the Committee had received no information on violations of the sanctions measures during the period from 2004 to 2005. He pointed out that that did not necessarily mean that no violations of the measures had taken place and emphasized the importance of any arms smuggling contravening the relevant Security Council resolutions being stopped. Ambassador Baali observed that in the absence of a specific monitoring mechanism to ensure the effective implementation of the arms embargo, the Committee would continue to rely on the cooperation of States and organizations in a position to provide it with information on violations of the arms embargo.

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Bureau of the Committee for 2005

4. For 2005, the Bureau of the Committee consisted of Ambassador Abdallah Baali (Algeria) as Chairman, the delegations of Benin and Greece providing the two Vice-Chairmen.

Observations

5. During the reporting period, no violations of the arms embargo were brought to the attention of the Committee.

(*Signed*) César **Mayoral**
Chairman
Security Council Committee established pursuant
to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda